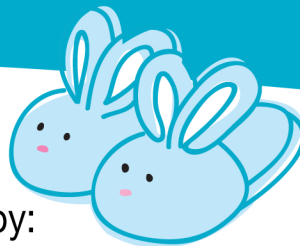




Picasa Web Albums WORKBOOK



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Workbook - Using Picasa Web Albums

Overview:

The following lessons and objectives were covered in this course. Feel free to go back and review some or all of them, if necessary:

1. Examine Picasa Web Albums

- Discusses how to get started using Picasa Web Albums.
- Looks at some of the features of Picasa Web Albums.
- Examines how to use Picasa Web Albums to organize and share photos.
- Covers how to search for photos based on tags.

2. Navigate Picasa Web Albums

- Walks users through some of the main areas of Picasa Web Albums.
- Shows users how to navigate when adding photos.
- Discusses how to search for community pictures.

3. Organize Photos on Picasa Web Albums

- Discusses how best to use the organization features of Picasa Web Albums.
- Looks at how to tag individual photos for easy searching.
- Discusses how maps can be used to organize photos.

4. Post Photos to Picasa Web Albums

- Discusses how to get started using Picasa Web Albums.
- Looks at a couple of ways to upload photos.

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5. Download Photos from Picasa Web Albums

- Explains how to search for other people's pictures on Picasa Web Albums.
- Discusses a couple of ways to download images for reuse.

Real-life Examples:

Here are some real-life examples of how the concepts discussed in this course could be used in a classroom, either as a teaching tool or an administrative aid:

1. Practice Using Tags

Give students some practice creating tags for images. Separate students into several small groups. Give each group a number of photos and ask them to collectively come up with as many tags as they can for each image. Then have groups swap photos and continue until everyone has had a chance to write tags for every image. When they're done, discuss all of the tags they came up with. This will illustrate just how many descriptive words there are for their photos, as well as the searches they perform.

2. Create a Picasa Album

Go to the Picasa Web Albums site. Create a Google account if you don't already have one so that you can get started using Picasa. Upload images from a recent classroom activity, such as a science experiment or field trip. Use Picasa to mark your photos as public or unlisted, depending on their content. Add tags, captions, and map locations for your images, then share them with others.

3. Use Geotags

Give each student a map location, such as a city in a foreign country, and ask them to use geotags to find images from that location. They can download the images to be printed and used to create a poster about their area. They could also use the images to create a slideshow to share with the class.

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4. **Create an Album of Student Artwork**

Take photos of your students' artwork, or allow students to photograph their own work. Post the images on Picasa Web Albums to share with the public. Ask students to assign tags to their work to make it easier for other users to find. Once you've shared the work, look at the site periodically to see if anyone has commented.

5. **Photograph the Parts of Speech**

Put students into small groups and assign each group a part of speech, such as action verbs, adjectives, nouns, etc. Ask that each group take digital photos representing their part of speech. This might mean taking photos of throwing, jumping, laughing, or things that are soft, red, or smooth. They should upload their images to Picasa Web Albums and create an online slideshow to share with the class. You could even put them all in the same album and mix them all up, then ask the students to identify which part of speech is being represented.

6. **Use the Picasa Web Albums Map Feature**

Ask students to bring in photos of locations, such as their favorite family vacations. Scan in the images and upload them to Picasa Web Albums. Ask students to assign a map location to their images, then, as a group, take a look at the map for your album to see how many different places the students in your class have been.

7. **Create Online Albums for Open House**

Put your students into several small groups. Ask that each group select an aspect of your school to highlight in a photo slideshow for a school open house or parent night. They should take photos of things like the cafeteria or library and post them on Picasa Web Albums. Encourage students to give their albums descriptive titles, and ask them to tag their photos so they will be easy to find later.

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8. Use Maps to Organize Photos

Ask your students to bring in photos of themselves when they were babies. Scan the photos into digital images and then allow students to assign a map location for their photos based on where the photo was taken. When all of the pictures have been geotagged, view the album map to see how many states or even countries are represented.

9. Organize Your Online Albums

Take a look at all of your Picasa Web Albums to make sure that you have given them a descriptive title. Label the albums with the class name, event name, or a description of the assignment. If you need to, you can rearrange the photos in your albums manually or based on their dates and file names. Also ensure that you have tagged all of your photos so that they'll be easy to search for.

10. Ask Students to Create a Storybook

Divide students into several small groups. Ask each group to create a photo storybook using Picasa Web Albums. They can choose any story they like, but it has to be re-created using photos. When they have their pictures, ask them to upload them to Picasa Web Albums using the faster Upload Control plug-in. Each group should create their own album for their story.

11. Keep a Photo Journal

Keep a photo journal of things you do in your class. You can include pictures from class activities, field trips, and assignments. As you take pictures throughout the year, keep adding to the same album. At the end of the year, organize your images by the date they were taken and share them with your students and their families as a photo yearbook.

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12. Photograph the Seasons

Put students into four groups and assign each group a different season of the year. Ask students to bring in their favorite pictures of the four seasons. Create an online album for each season in Picasa Web Albums. Scan the pictures in and then ask students to upload them to the appropriate album. They should come up with a creative title for the album, add a description, and include captions for their images. They can even add map locations for their pictures. Then you can display the albums as a slideshow for the whole class.

13. Gather Images for a Slideshow

Use Picasa Web Albums to search for pictures from an area of the world your students are studying, such as the rainforest. Use keywords to look for images specific to your lessons, then download them to your computer by right-clicking, selecting Save Photo As, and navigating to a specific project folder on your computer. Then display the images to students as a slideshow.

14. Create a Holiday Photo Bulletin Board

During the holiday season, ask students to search Picasa Web Albums for images representing the holidays around the world. If you are permitted, download the Picasa software to make saving images to the computer easier. Have students collect pictures representing as many different traditions as they can, then print them and post them on a bulletin board in your classroom.

15. Present a Photo Travel Journal

Split your students into several groups. Ask each group to select a location to research for a photo travel journal. They can use Picasa Web Albums to look for pictures from all over the world. Encourage them to use descriptive keywords to look for all kinds of pictures from their area. When they find images they like, they can download them to the computer so that they can be put in a slideshow to present to the class.

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Exercises:

If you would like additional practice or review of the concepts covered in this course, try the following exercise(s) at your convenience:

1. Think about how you might use Picasa Web Albums in your class. Take some time to look at the Picasa Web site and create a Google account if you don't already have one. Practice uploading some of your pictures and adding captions, tags, and map locations. Also examine the search features in Picasa Web Albums. Think about how you might use other people's photos in your lessons. Don't forget to review your school's Acceptable Use Policy before you start allowing students to use online photo sharing.
2. Next time you need photographs or illustrations of a subject or idea, look for a representation on Picasa Web Albums. If you find one that has the proper usage rights, download it to use as a visual aid in your classroom instruction.

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